

House Bill 280

By: Representatives Heard of the 114th, Bruce of the 64th, Williams of the 165th, Sims of the 151st, Williams of the 89th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to change certain provisions relating to a prescribed course of study in health and physical education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, is amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-142, relating to prescribed courses and the development and dissemination of instructional materials on the effects of alcohol, and inserting in its place the following:

"(c) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a course of study in health and physical education for all grades and grade levels in the public schools and shall establish minimum time requirements and standards for its administration. The course shall require that students in kindergarten through grade 7 participate in a physical education class each day of the school week. The course shall include instruction concerning the impact of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use upon health. The course shall also include a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle. A physical education course of study shall provide students with an opportunity for an appropriate amount of daily physical activity. A manual setting out the details of such courses of study shall be prepared or approved by the State School Superintendent in cooperation with the Department of Human Resources, the state board, and such expert advisers as they may choose. The Department of Education is directed to assemble or develop instructional resources and materials concerning alcohol and drug

1 abuse, taking into consideration technological enhancements available for utilization of
2 such instructional resources."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.